Status of Implementation of Recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Department-related Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): Sir, I lay the statement on the Table of the House.

Status of Implementation of Recommendations contained in the Hundred and Forty-second Report of the Department-related Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I lay the statement on the Table of the House.

Status of Implementation of Recommendations contained in the Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Reports of the Department- Related Standing Committee on Railways

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Sir, I lay the statement on the Table of the House.

HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION

Points arising out of the answer given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2006, to Starred Question No. 191 regarding 'Extension of Rail Line from Dimapur/Dhansiri to Imphal' *(Contd.)*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I will be brief. The work of construction of this Diphu to Karong was included in the Budget of 1997-98 at a cost of Rs. 1,600 crores as the first phase of the link to Imphal. The requisite approval of the project was also received in 1998. But, then, there was an objection from Karbi-Anglong Autonomous District Council, which expressed reservations saying, "We will not allow this project because it is the violation of the Constitution because this Autonomous Council should have been consulted before taking up the